

CONGRATULATING THE LAKE COUNTY VETERANS AND FAMILY SERVICES FOUNDATION ON THE OPENING OF THE NEW DRYHOOTCH DROP-IN CENTER AND OFFICES

**HON. ROBERT J. DOLD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2015*

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation (LCVFSF) of Grayslake, Illinois on the opening of their new Dryhootch Drop-In Center and Offices on July 16, 2015. The new center provides a welcoming atmosphere for active service members, veterans, and their families to come and enjoy a cup of coffee, meet others who have shared their military experience, or learn more about the many services available to them through LCVFSF from a veteran peer specialist.

The new facility was made possible through a joint partnership between LCVFSF and Dryhootch of America—a nonprofit organization formed by combat veterans to help veterans in their return home. Dryhootch was envisioned as a place where veterans could gather informally in a drug and alcohol free coffeehouse environment that is safe and comfortable. LCVFSF's goal is to make veterans' transition to civilian life easier and safer by providing support from those who have been there in the past. Their vision is to embed 100 percent free and confidential care for Lake County veterans, reservists, guardsmen, and their families—regardless of their discharge status—into the community through a network of veteran volunteers, veteran peer-to-peer specialists, and critical community resources.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the LCVFSF Board of Directors and staff on the opening of this new facility to help veterans and families in their time of need. I look forward to working with them in the future as they bring employment and peer support services to the veterans of Illinois' 10th District.

CONGRATULATING BLAIR OAKS HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2015*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Blair Oaks High School on its Bronze Medal Award as a top Missouri High School from U.S. News and World Report.

This school's administration, teachers, and students should be commended for all of their hard work throughout the past year and for their commitment to education.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Blair Oaks High School for a job well done.

HONORING MARÍA DEHARO ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF MIGRANT EDUCATION FOR THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

**HON. RAUL RUIZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2015*

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Deharo on her well-deserved retirement as Director of Migrant Education, after 35 years of educational service in various capacities in Coachella Valley, especially on behalf of migrant farmworkers families and children in Riverside County.

For more than thirty years, Mrs. Deharo dedicated both her career and her life to improving the lives of hundreds of migrant children and their families. In the face of adversity, and despite a chronic lack of resources, Mrs. Deharo has successfully helped students graduate from high school and attend college, enhancing not only their lives, but their community as a whole.

Mrs. Deharo's involvement with students goes beyond the classroom. She routinely participated in countless student and family events, from after-school tutoring and summer college institutes, to home visits. Mrs. Deharo vision to bring services to students in their communities became a reality when she fought and received funding for a bookmobile, which helps migrant children and families by strengthening their literacy skills through computer training, story time, arts and crafts and free books.

In her long and successful career, Mrs. Deharo, worked as a teacher for ten years at the Coachella Valley Unified School District, she was a School Facilitator for three years, Bilingual Coordinator for three years, and a Principal for 9 years. Mrs. Deharo also served as the Riverside County Office of Education Director of Migrant Education for 11 years. As proof of her achievement and leadership, county offices and district from across the great state of California have requested her assistance with their migrant education programs.

Mrs. Deharo understands firsthand the difficulties that these children face. Having someone like Mrs. Deharo by our side is a blessing and an inspiration to achieve the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all the thousands of children and families that had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Deharo, and the residents of California's 36th Congressional District, I would like to offer my sincerest thanks and congratulate Mrs. Deharo for her passion and pride for educational excellence. I wish her well in her well-deserved retirement.

HONORING MAINE VETERAN SAMUEL ALDERETE FOR HEROIC SERVICE IN WWII

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2015*

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my constituents—94-year-

old Samuel Alderete of Topsham, Maine—on receiving the prestigious French Legion of Honour and to applaud the courageous actions for which it is being awarded.

As a young Army warrant officer in WWII, Mr. Alderete fought his way across France, Belgium, and Germany with the 980th Field Artillery Battalion. He fought in and survived the infamous Battle of the Bulge. The actions of Mr. Alderete and his brothers in arms, many of whom didn't make it home, directly contributed to the liberation of France. I sincerely thank the French Government for recognizing Mr. Alderete and other American veterans who fought to save the French people.

I am deeply grateful for Mr. Alderete's brave service—both in WWII and his later combat experience in Korea—and also admire him for exhibiting the kind of humility that characterizes the Maine veterans I've had the pleasure of meeting. When asked for any heroic actions or battles he participated in, Mr. Alderete simply replies, "Nothing heroic. Just soldiered in combat."

Despite Mr. Alderete's assertion, Mr. Speaker, I find his actions to be quite heroic. He fought with courage and honor at great personal danger, in terrible conditions, far from home. The 70 years that have passed since then have done nothing to diminish his distinguished service. I wholeheartedly congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved honor from the French people.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2015*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during roll call vote number 434 on July 13, 2015, due to a flight delay.

On roll call vote no. 434 I would have voted YES.

**HONORING ALBUQUERQUE SOL**

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 14, 2015*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend all those involved in assembling a remarkable and successful professional international soccer match that took place in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Saturday, June 27, 2015 between Lobos de la BUAP of Ascenso, Mexico and Albuquerque Sol Football Club (FC) of the Premier Development League.

The Sore No More Summer Clasico was organized by PinVaca & Associates, LLC, a local sports marketing firm committed to bringing quality sporting events to New Mexico. Under the leadership of New Mexico State Representative Antonio "Moe" Maestas, a local company which manufactures and distributes a natural pain relieving gel, "Sore No More," agreed to be the title sponsor.

Professional Club de Futbol Lobos de la Benemerita Universidad Autonoma de Puebla is based in Puebla, Mexico and is a professional team representing the Autonomous University of Puebla. The club conducted a youth